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## SCHEV Plan Approved, Budget Still Cut By Allen

By Eric Edwards  
Bullet Entertainment Editor

The latest version of the Mary Washington College Restructuring plan was approved by the State Council for Higher Education (SCHEV) in early December, after the original plan failed to be approved last semester. However, the six percent budget cuts promised to schools whose plans could not pass will still be found in MWC's future.

Governor George Allen gave the Virginia college system a mandate to restructure last semester, to cut costs and absorb the influx of 80,000 more students into the system over the next decade. Penalty cuts of up to six

percent were intended for the schools whose plans were not accepted by SCHEV.

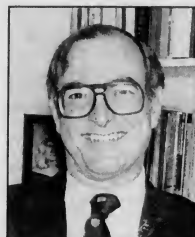
A six percent budget cut is still in the works for MWC and five other state institutions whose restructuring plans did not gain SCHEV approval the first time around. College Provost Philip Hall explained that there was still hope that the General Assembly would not adopt all of Allen's proposed cuts. "I call us the 'Doghouse Six.' There is still a great deal of discussion about whether we will pay a budget penalty in the end or not," Hall said.

Student Government Association President Heather Mullins had a hopeful outlook for the situation.

"The situation is certainly not set in stone... Budgets in December are political, but in March they become more practical. There is a bill before the General Assembly to restore the funds," Mullins said.

The other members of the "doghouse six" who did not pass in time are Radford, Longwood, Norfolk State, Christopher Newport, and Virginia State, although, Radford, Longwood, Norfolk State and MWC have had their revised plans approved by SCHEV. According to SCHEV the six percent taken from each of the six schools equals a \$5.6 million saving for the state.

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- Phil Hall  
Provost

## Enlarged Signs Serve Disabled

By Liz Clark  
Bullet Staff Writer

A visually impaired student unable to locate the Office of Disability Services at Mary Washington College recently complained to Patricia Tracy, coordinator of special academic support. The numbers on the doors of George Washington Hall are hard to read, the student said, making the office difficult to find.

To solve the problem, Tracy put up a white sign with black numbers outside her office door.

While this effort cost nothing... it will take approximately \$40,000 to make the entire building completely adequate in signs for disabled students, if the college decides to put up the signs, Tracy said.

There is a small percentage of disabled students at Mary Washington College, but the number is growing, according to Tracy, and colleges are having to make accommodations across the country.

According to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, colleges and universities must accommodate disabled students. This includes providing accessibility for disabled



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New signs throughout GW Hall will help visually disabled students find offices.

students as well as accommodating the learning disabled and emotionally disabled. According to Tracy, the government does not fund the adaptations. As of September 1994, the college has provided \$60,784 from the annual budget in order to fund the Office of Disability Services.

"It's a serious problem, the money problem," she said.

As of the 1994-1995 school year, there were 102 documented disabled students at Mary Washington College. The majority of the students are learning disabled, while the rest have physical disabilities, emotional disabilities, or have attention deficit disorder.

Tracy said she believes more students with disabilities at the college are not documented.

"I think there are some students who are reluctant [to come forward as having a problem]," she said.

According to the Americans with Disabilities Act, a student is disabled if the student has a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity. In order to receive adaptive measures from the

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## Hiring Freeze Leaves Departments Short

By Beth McConnell  
Bullet Assistant News Editor

A hiring freeze imposed by Virginia Governor George Allen in December 1994 prohibits Virginia state agencies, including colleges and universities, from hiring new employees or replacing workers. State agencies must now gain approval from several government committees to hire anyone.

In accordance with Allen's new mandate, Mary Washington College managed to secure positions last week for four new faculty members and one new psychologist, according to Marjorie Poyck, executive assistant to the president of the college.

Poyck said the freeze will remain in effect throughout Allen's term in office, which ends in 1997. Poyck interprets the mandate as part of Allen's agenda of reducing government by eliminating state employees.

According to Poyck, exemptions are granted only in critical situations and must be approved by the secretary of education and the director of the department of planning and budget.

Government committees approved one position in the sociology department, two in English and one in biology. Of the openings, three are replacements for former professors.

According to Poyck, the college also asked to hire another political science professor, but the state has not yet responded.

The college also requested permission to hire a director of information technology, a critical new position designed to help the faculty bring technology from the growing campus Internet into the classroom, said Poyck.

Additionally, state officials granted a request to hire a psychologist for the Psychological Services Center, to replace psychologist Nancy Bailey, who resigned.

Dick Hansen, chair of the English, linguistics and speech department, said the freeze delayed the department's search for a Victorian literature professor.

"We became aware of the freeze in the middle [of interviewing candidates] and then couldn't do anything more in the search. When the exemption came in, we picked up where we left off," said Hansen.

Dean of Faculty Barbara Palmer and Assistant Vice-President for Personnel Services Shelli Short notified Hansen of the special exception. Palmer and Short worked together to process the request, he

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## Model Student

Outside the Underground, a mannequin sporting a cap and gown reminded seniors to buy their graduation regalia. Cap and gown are priced at \$30, payable upon purchase. The college requires that graduates wear the cap and gown at graduation. Announcements, picture frames, sweatshirts and other graduation items are also available.

Graduation is scheduled for May 6 in Ball Circle, weather permitting. Of course, last year it was drizzling, but the ceremony was held outside anyway.

As graduation nears, seniors are invited to the Eagles Nest Jan. 26 from 9 p.m. to midnight to celebrate 100th Night.

If any seniors are having stress attacks over the possibility of not graduating, they can go over their Senior Checklist with Mary Kemp in George Washington Hall, room 217.

## When Unable To Hire, Psychological Services Temporarily Stranded

By Beth McConnell  
Bullet Assistant News Editor

Understaffed since the state hiring freeze began, the Psychological Services Center will have a new psychologist to fill out its thin ranks this semester. To gain a new doctor, however, the center had to go through an intricate process.

"We've been short [understaffed] for a month now," said Bernice Chirico, director of the Psychological Services Center. "Within a week of the start of the semester we had a waiting list."

Nancy Bailey, one of two full-time psychologists at the center, announced her resignation in the fall, said Chirico. Bailey's resignation became effective Jan. 15, 1995.

Chirico said the center began the search for a new psychologist in December and was interviewing candidates when Virginia

Governor George Allen imposed the hiring freeze.

"We were stuck. We couldn't hire anyone," said Chirico.

Since Jan. 15, Chirico has been the only full-time staff member. Psychologist Diane

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-Joanne Beck,  
Dean Of Students

Veach works part-time at the center as well. Christopher Kilmartin, assistant professor in the psychology department, also counsels students at the center, in exchange for Chirico teaching a psychology course.

Dean of Student Affairs Joanne Beck said the center had a waiting list in the fall as well, even with one part-time and two full-time counselors.

Chirico said The International Association of Counseling Services, which accredits college psychological centers, suggests employing

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# Late Fee Becomes A Felony For Library Guest Patron

By Leigh Buckley Fountain  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Keeping over due library books became a felony for Fredericksburg resident and freelance author Samuel J. Ross when Mary Washington College police charged him with grand larceny on Dec. 16.

Ross checked out fifteen books from Simpson Library as a member of the guest patron program. Because his library fine reached \$750, the offense is considered a felony as the amount he owed was over \$500.

According to Assistant Librarian Elizabeth Perkins, any resident of Virginia can become a guest patron of Simpson library after filling out an application and paying a \$50 fee. The patron is given an electronic card similar to MWC IDs and is subject to

the same rules, regulations and fines as students are.

The library mailed three notices to Ross with no reply. Eventually, Perkins decided to call him at the number on the guest patron application. The line had been disconnected.

According to Perkins, the next step was to call the police, as "failure to return book or other library property" is a misdemeanor under Virginia state civil code 42.1-74.

Library patrons must pay \$50 per book that is not returned for any reason. There is a maximum fine of only \$20 if the book is returned, no matter how late. All of these regulations are explained in detail on the guest patron application, which must be signed.

"What we're concerned with are

the books," Perkins said. "It's much more important to us to have the book back in our possession than it is to fine patrons, of course."

Although a neighbor informed police searching for Ross on Dec. 16 that he had moved to Vermont, Ross was found living at his Fredericksburg address after all and MWC Sgt. Allen Knick served him with the charge and a letter from the library. Ross complied and returned the books the same day.

Had Ross not returned the books, he would have been subject to criminal prosecution in addition to the library fine of \$750. Since the books were recovered, Ross now faces a charge for maximum late fee, \$300, according to the final report filed by the MWC police.

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three psychologists for a school the size of Mary Washington College.

"I'm not complaining. The administration is doing the best it can under the budget restraints," said Chirico.

Beck helped Chirico through the process of requesting an exemption from the state government's hiring freeze. Beck and Chirico discussed the need for another psychologist, as well as the type of doctor required, and then presented the case to the Office of Personnel and College President William Anderson.

"We had to show them this

position was critical, and its impact on the school if we didn't have it. The government wants us to think about hiring, and get permission to hire for critical positions," said Beck.

After Anderson approved the request, he sent it on to the state government. There, according to Beck, Secretary of Education Beverly Sgro and the director of the department of personnel and training each passed the exemption. Finally, Anderson consented to let the center hire a new psychologist, instead of reorganizing existing staff.

According to Chirico, the center

usually stays busy, which means if there is a crisis, there may not be anyone to handle it immediately. Also, students can't walk in and see a counselor right away. Chirico said the center asks the area coordinators, head residents and resident assistants to "filter out crises."

"Lots of people are in support of the center. It is looked on very favorably by the college and administration," said Chirico.

The new psychologist is Barbara Wager, who currently has a practice in Fredericksburg. Wager will begin counseling at the college Feb. 13.

# News Briefs

• Seniors can order caps, gowns and tassels for graduation in the Underground on Jan. 25-27 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Seniors can also purchase diploma frames, sweatshirts, announcements, etc. Payment for order is due at the time orders are placed. Orders can be picked up Feb. 16-17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All graduates are required to wear standard MWC graduation attire.

• Students may drop classes without penalty through Jan. 30.

• Any BA or BS degree candidates who want to review his/her senior check sheet should see Mrs. Kemp in Student Records, George Washington Hall.

• Students can withdraw passing/failing Jan. 31 - Mar. 24 without the grade affecting the student's grade point average.

• MWC Housing Selection will be held April 4-6 in the Great Hall and Meeting Room 1 in the Campus Center, 6 p.m. - midnight and in Meeting Room 2, 3-5 p.m.

• Pianist Leon Bates will be performing in Dodd Auditorium on Jan. 26, time TBA, no charge.

• There will be a Gospel Extravaganza in Dodd Auditorium on Feb. 5, 3 p.m., no charge.

• The Studio Art Faculty Exhibition will be on display in the duPont Gallery Jan. 13 - Feb. 19: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Saturday - Sunday 1-4 p.m.; free.

• Dr. Edward Wasiolek of the University of Chicago will be lecturing on "Dostoevsky and Tolstoy: The World's Greatest Novelists" on Jan. 31 in the Red Room, Campus Center, 6 p.m.

• A non-refundable registration fee is due Feb. 1 for the multi-course four-week program "MWC in Urbino, Italy." For additional information contact Clavio Ascarei, 899-4707 or Joseph DiBella, 899-4994.

• Dr. Dolores Warwick Freese of the University of Notre Dame will give a lecture entitled "Three Men and a Baby: Bobaccio, Petrarch, Chaucer and the Making of Patient Griselda." Woodard Campus Center, Red Room; 7:30 p.m.; free.

• MWC has established a new "Information Hotline" that will provide a weekly listing of public events at the college and regular updates of any schedule changes. The "Hotline," maintained by MWC's Office of College Relations, can be reached 24 hours a day at 654-2424. There is no charge for using this service.

• Sports schedules and scores are available through the 24-hour "Athletic Hotline" at 899-4991, operated by the Sports Information Office.

• Class Council will be sponsoring 100th Night for seniors only on Jan. 26, 8 p.m. - midnight in the Eagles Nest. Two IDs are required.

• The Free Lance-Star will award a \$2,500 internship to a minority college student for a 10-week period during the summer of 1995. Interns will cover events, interview newsmakers and write stories for publication. Eligibility includes the desire for a career in journalism, be a rising junior, senior or graduating senior in college. Send a cover letter, resume and five to six writing samples to The Free Lance-Star, Minority Journalism Internship, 616 Amelia Street, Fredericksburg, Va. 22401 by Feb. 10, 1995.

• Rape Aggression Defense Systems, R.A.D.S., will be holding Thursday classes on Jan. 19 and 26 and Feb. 29, 7-10 p.m. and Sunday classes on Jan. 22 and 29 and Feb. 5 and 12, 7-10 p.m. For more information or to register call 899-4634 or stop by 104B Lee Hall.

• Virginia Blood Services' donor center, located at 3940 Plank Road, Suite V, is requesting volunteers to give blood for children and other patients who depend on lifesaving blood transfusions. The center is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1-8 p.m. For more information call 786-3491 or (804) 359-5100.

• ASSE International Student Exchange Programs is seeking local host families for boys and girls from Scandinavia, France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Germany, Holland, Great Britain, Poland, the newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Switzerland, Mexico, Brazil, Japan, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Students are 15 to 18 years of age and coming to this area for the upcoming high school year. Those persons interested in obtaining more information about becoming a host family or an exchange student should contact ASSE's local representative Judy Steele at (703) 786-4450 or 1-800-677-2773.

• The University of New Orleans will sponsor a special 20th Anniversary session of its annual International Summer School in Innsbruck, Austria during the summer of 1995. Participants can earn up to 10 semester hours of credit (fully transferable according to the usual rules), selecting from over 50 courses offered in a wide variety of subject areas. The Uno-Innsbruck International Summer School will convene with gala opening ceremonies July 2nd and end Aug. 12, 1995. Enrollment is limited, so interested students should apply as soon as possible. For a full-color brochure and course descriptions write to: Uno-Innsbruck-1995, International Study Programs, Box 1315, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, La. 70148 or call the Uno Office of International Study Programs at (504) 286-7116.

• James Madison University is opening recruitment for the Fall 1995 and Spring 1996 International Internship positions. Complete details and application materials are available for approximately fifty positions each semester in ten countries. Interested students may request information directly from Judy Cohen, Program Coordinator, at Paul Street House, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Va. 22807, (703) 568-6079, fax (703) 568-3310. The deadline for applications for both semesters is March 13.

# POLICE BEAT

By Jeremy Cline  
Bulletin Staff Writer

## Harrassment

• On Jan. 16 there was a harrassment phone call to Mercer Hall. After investigating the campus police determined that the victim was no longer a student.

• On Jan. 18 there was a report of threatening phone calls to a student in Marshall Hall. Campus police were able to identify the caller and the individual was barred from campus.

• On Jan. 20 a threatening note was left on the door of a student in Marshall Hall. The incident is still under investigation.

## Emergency Illness

• On Jan. 16 a student fainted in Ball Circle. The student was transported by squad car to the Emergency Room.

• On Jan. 21 a student had a seizure in Goodrick Gym. The student was transported by squad car to the Emergency Room.

• On Jan. 22 there was a report to campus police of an emergency illness in Mason Hall. The student was transported by squad car to the Emergency Room.

## Theft

• On Jan. 16 \$500 worth of CDs were stolen from Russell Hall. The following day \$335 worth of CDs were stolen from New Hall. Campus police arrested Stephen Valdivieso of Arlington. Valdivieso was charged with two counts of grand larceny and one count of breaking and entering. All three offenses are felonies.

• On Jan. 18 \$75 was reported stolen from Alvey Hall.

## Trespassing

• On Jan. 16 three non-students were reported to campus police for trespassing. The individuals were apparently selling perfume in the vicinity of Westmoreland Hall. Only one of the individuals, Jason Snyder of Virginia Beach, was found to be inside of a dormitory. Snyder was charged with trespassing. The others, as well as Snyder, were barred from campus.

• On Jan. 19 two individuals were caught selling perfume in Russell Hall. The individuals, Michael Lavimoniere, a non-student of Colonial Heights, and Leonard Spady, a non-student of Richmond, were charged with trespassing and barred from campus.

## Fire Alarm

• On Jan. 18 a fire alarm was set off in Russell Hall due to burnt food.

• On Jan. 22 a fire alarm in Jefferson Hall was set off by steam from the showers in the bathroom located near the alarm.

## DUI/DIP

• On Jan. 19 Robert Groads, a non-student of Florida, was arrested for driving under the influence (DUI) on the corner of Rt. 1 and Mary Washington Blvd.

• On Jan. 20 Charles Newton, a non-student of Fredericksburg, was charged with DUI on the corner of William St. and College Ave.

• On Jan. 21 an intoxicated student in Russell Hall was transported by squad car to the Emergency Room.

• On Jan. 21 an intoxicated student

from South Hall was taken to the Health Center.

## Vandalism

• On Jan. 19 a vending machine in the basement of Russell Hall was vandalized.

• On Jan. 20 a window was broken in the front of the Simpson Library.

• On Jan. 21 a stairwell in Bushnell Hall was vandalized. The incident is still under investigation.

## Misc.

• On Jan. 18 a parent called campus police concerned for the welfare of their child. Police investigated and determined that everything was fine.

• On Jan. 20 Class Council reported that some of their funds are unaccounted for. The incident is still under investigation.

• On Jan. 20 a local resident reported to campus police a habitual parking problem. A report was filed.

• On Jan. 21 a tree limb fell on a vehicle in the Russell Hall parking lot.

• On Jan. 21 Richard Feher, a student of New Hall, was charged with possession of marijuana.

• On Jan. 22 there was an administrative seizure of alcohol by Residence Life in Marshall Hall.

• On Jan. 23 there was a complaint of a phone call from someone claiming to be an MWC student conducting a phone survey. The call is believed to be fraudulent and the incident is still under investigation.

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college, the student must come forward, at which time they are documented or tested.

The Americans with Disabilities Act complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which gave students in public schools support for disabilities. Tracy believes that the Act passed in 1990 does not have many differences in terms of obligations, only in physical disability requirements.

According to Tracy, the new law has popularized the need to aid disabled students and has heightened awareness.

Aet is pushing the school to make physical changes to accommodate physical disability needs, Tracy says. The college is now in a transition plan to improve accessibility, she said, and new dormitories must be accessible and at least one of each type of dormitory must have adaptations for the physically disabled. These adaptations include braille signs, ramps, and elevators.

According to Dick Miller, vice president of business and finance at the college, MWC is presently working on these accommodations. Future plans include handicapped accessible doors for Chandler and George Washington Halls as well as a new elevator for Goodrick Hall.

To provide for the increasing number of disabled students, the college formed the Office for Disability Services was formed four years ago. According to Tracy, this is the first year that her position as director has been full-time.

MWC is late compared to other Virginia universities in forming such an office. The University of Virginia has had an office for 15 years and William and Mary has had an office for 12 years.

"We are behind them in terms of when we got off the ground," Tracy said.

As Coordinator of Special Academic Support, Tracy must coordinate service for students with disabilities, advise and assist in arranging reasonable accommodations, and act as liaison between students, faculty, and

administrators on issues relating to services or accommodations.

According to Tracy, the forming of the Office for Disabled Students has had a great impact. Parents call every week concerning their children, and faculty have started referring students to the office. Overall, she says, the office has increased awareness.

However, the increased awareness has not reached all disabled students on campus. A support group for the students called SUCCESS exists, but is not very popular.

"Most of the students do not attend," Tracy said.

An anonymous student who has problems with oral interpretation and is acknowledged by the college as learning disabled, wishes that the Disability Services would publicize its services more effectively.

"I wish they would list what they can do," she said. "I had no idea that there is a special programs committee that determines if a disabled student may substitute a general education requirement for another course."

The student, who wishes to transfer, also said that because the college is small and selective it is not capable of fulfilling the needs of disabled students.

"I don't feel like this school has enough outlets for learning disabled students," she said.

While the Americans with Disabilities Act is a recent push for lawful conduct and more disabled students are coming forward, MWC is pushing for education on the subject. A workshop was held this past November for faculty, administrators, and staff concerning the legal responsibilities to college

students who are disabled. Only five people attended the staff seminar. Tracy is planning workshops for the Residence Life staff later this semester, but there is no tentative date.

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- an anonymous MWC student

William Scales, the director of disability services at the University of Maryland, presented the workshops in November. Scales believes that becoming aware and efficient in dealing with disabled students depends on the knowledge of the law. He believes that education is the key.

Judith Parker, who is the co-founder of SUCCESS and an assistant professor of English and linguistics at the college, agrees that there is a need to improve awareness among those who are teaching the disabled students. Since 1990

she has conducted two faculty workshops.

"We still need to provide education for faculty," Parker said. "They have strong beliefs in what they do."

While Parker believes that MWC has some changes to make, she believes that the college is making improvements.

"The school has made significant advances in approaching and addressing needs of students with disabilities," she said.

## CORRECTION

• In the Jan. 19 issue of the Bulletin, the article "November Trials Yield Fines, Shrink Off-Campus Parties" incorrectly identified the location of the arrests as the "unrecognized fraternity party." The party was not a fraternity party.

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Mike McDowell, a spokesman for SCHEV, said that the six percent budget cut alone may not be the only problem facing MWC in the 1996 fiscal year.

"The governor's budget called for a 2.25 percent payroll hike [for state schools] which will not be appropriated from the educational and general fund but will be taken from each school's existing funds," said McDowell.

Hall explained that this idea in itself is a budget cut.

"The governor is insisting in his budget that colleges take the money for raises out of our existing budget. For higher education that amounts to

\$10 million," said Hall. "After you add up all the pieces of budget cuts, there is more than six percent cut off of our budget if the governor gets all of his budget passed."

Another problem facing MWC is the reduction of state matching funds for the eminent scholars program, which helps attract professors to MWC. This program provided \$.67 of state money for every \$1 privately collected by the college. That number is reduced to \$.50 to the dollar in Allen's budget proposal.

Hall said that he could not begin to speculate what MWC programs would suffer if this \$561,000 budget cut came to fruition.

"We have not even begun to design a scenario for carrying out the cuts, but it would probably be a case of many programs taking smaller cuts, rather than slashing whole programs," Hall said.

Hall indicated that he was surprised that the governor's budget did not reflect that MWC's plan had been accepted.

"All the institutions are shoulder to shoulder supporting the six schools. They are not sitting back laughing. Even SCHEV was arguing against imposing a budget penalty from the beginning," Hall said.



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said. The department is also looking for a creative writing instructor.

Palmer and Short both declined to comment on the hiring freeze.

"I feel it would be really unwise to say anything with things changing and exploding in the legislature each day," said Palmer.

According to Poysk, the college received a "blanket approval" from the state to hire as many adjunct professors as needed. The college must, however, reapply each year for this approval.

"Institutions can't be frivolous. We're not just automatically sending down requests," said Poysk. "The government is reducing the work force through attrition. Employers just don't rehire [to fill vacancies]."

If the college's requests for exemption to hire faculty members are denied, Poysk said the individual departments can come up with their own solutions. Classes could possibly be covered by current personnel or adjuncts, or as a last resort, courses could be cancelled.

"It's not what we want, but we could not offer some courses. We haven't reached that point yet," said Poysk.

The freeze affects the Physical Plant and housekeeping department as well. Charles Coleman,

housekeeping manager, said the department is adjusting to having fewer workers.

Poysk said the governor is offering incentives for employees to leave their jobs, through the "early out" program. Coleman described the program as "Governor Allen saying 'good-bye' with a bonus."

"We're short on staff. When people are out we must juggle them around. If we continue to lose workers, we may have to 'gang-clean,'" said Coleman.

According to Coleman, housekeepers "gang-clean" when three or four workers together clean one building at a time. Possibly, housekeepers would clean buildings only three times a week rather than cleaning each building daily as they currently do.

According to Coleman, some housekeepers are concerned that their jobs may be contracted out, said Coleman.

"There's so much speculation and rumors about these [plans to cope with the hiring freeze]," said Connie Boley, a lead housekeeper who works in Willard Hall.

The government offers a week's pay for every year the employee has worked for the state. Afterwards, the employee cannot work for the state for the next two years.

According to Coleman, some employees have opted for the program.

The Physical Plant has a number of positions vacant, said John Wittenmuth, director of the physical plant.

"We're making the decision to request an exception or leave them vacant. Some we

need to fill immediately and some we can leave open," said Wittenmuth. The plant staff is currently discussing which positions to fill in the near future.

"People are finding ways to manage: either not sending requests or leave openings unfilled. I know there are some concerns," said Poysk.

Wittenmuth said the plant has not yet requested exemption, but some workers did quit after the freeze came into effect. Other workers have filled in for those missing. Workers have not yet had to work much overtime, but there may be increased overtime in the future, said Wittenmuth.

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- Marjorie Poysk, executive assistant to the president

## Senate Beat

By Carl Poole  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Senate Vice President Ben Sutton presided over senate in place of Todd Palcic, senate president. According to Sutton, Palcic was on a ski trip. Sutton gave the senate president's report, stating that executive cabinet is planning to visit freshmen residence halls to talk to freshmen about issues facing the Student Government Association.

The safety and community relations committees presented a joint report on the Fredericksburg City Council's rejection of the college's proposal to help pay for a traffic light at the intersection of William Street and Sunken Road.

The college offered to pay for half the cost of the traffic light installation. The city opted to endorse the other options given to the college instead of installing a

blinking light and painting a new crosswalk across William Street. If students want a traffic light for William Street, the city council stated that the college must pay for it.

Heather Mullins, SGA president, informed senate that she has submitted a proposal to Virginia Credit Union to open a non-cash branch and an ATM machine on campus. Mullins stated that SGA is currently waiting on a response from Virginia Credit Union and that she is looking for students who can attend a conference on student credit unions in the spring.

Mullins also reported on the status on the proposed six percent budget cut the college faces in the General Assembly, saying although there is a concern, it looks like it will not be for long. According to Mullins, College President William Anderson Jr. feels support for Mary Washington is strong in the General Assembly.

As for faculty salaries raises, Mullins stated that she and a group

of students will join colleges around the state in Richmond Feb. 15 for Legislative Day to support higher education.

Welfare committee co-chair John Cordone announced that he is looking for students to join his Recreation Center subcommittee, which just formed last week.

Committee relations co-chair Anndelynn Tapscott moved that the safety and welfare committees look into the efficiency of the health center. The motion passed.

Michael Goodman moved that the handbook revision committee look into adding a guarantee to the student handbook, stating that students who go to the health center of their own volition will be protected under confidentiality from administrative action. If approved by the administration, this motion would directly affect handbook policy sanctioning alcohol intoxication. The motion passed by standing vote, 35-26.

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# OPINIONS

## Used To Second Best

Our editors noticed a disturbing trend in the articles that the section editors ran on their pages this week. Scattered throughout this issue, readers can find articles that probe the value of college students. Due to Virginia Gov. George Allen, higher education faces up to another six percent in budget cuts. Well, really, it is only about three and a half percent in cuts but Allen told Virginia colleges to give faculty raises using budget money that previously has been used for other college programs (don't get us wrong — faculty members deserve their raises — it is simply unfortunate that the governor decided that colleges had to take away from their operating budgets in order to do so).

And unfortunately, commuting students are finding that problems follow them from the classroom to their rented homes in the city of Fredericksburg. Landlords and realtors scattered throughout Fredericksburg remain detached while students wear out answering machine tapes asking their landlords if the students could have water and heat — basic necessities — fixed within a reasonable time frame. One student went without running water for two weeks. Another student had to move from her rented home in Fredericksburg because of the high level of break-ins she was experiencing. When she checked with previous tenants of the home, she found that they, too, had experienced an elevated level of crime. The student says the landlord never said a thing about past or possible future break-ins.

These two types of situations — academic and residential — are central to the lives of literally all college students. How are college students supposed to interpret these messages? When the highest state authority makes repeated cuts in higher education funds, and when that same state asks college students to pay more towards the cost of education than 43 other states, college students are led to believe that higher education is not a priority. And when landlords decline to fix students' heat during the winter time, students cannot help but regret that they are not out-of-college adults with full-time jobs. Landlords would not wait two weeks to respond.

Unfortunately, most college students have become used to taking a back seat. Many college students have become complacent. Time will reveal the consequences that occur when college students — the future workforce of this state — are forced to settle for second best.

## Time For Great Expectations

Over the past few months the Student Senate floor has seen few, if any, motions for change at MWC (not even one for more washers in so-and-so Hall or changing burnt-out light bulbs on Campus Walk). It is disturbing — no, impossible — to think that every student is satisfied with every aspect of the college. At a time when students face budget cuts, angry neighbors, indifferent administrators (and state governors), and questionable living conditions, we should have at least a few gripes to make known to others.

Our campus is facing a dangerous trend that is hard to understand. Does anyone read the Bulletin or the Flyers at Seacoack? Don't students realize where and who to go to in order to see change? Is college just about doing the time, achieving a degree, and a brief appearance at Alumni Weekend? As members of this community, however small it might seem, we all have a responsibility to participate and actively strive for local improvement.

We know that apathy is rampant. Popular media has stigmatized our generation as an "X," as in "extremely lazy, apathetic and unmotivated." No member of this campus should want to be associated with this stereotype; we've worked too hard to get here.

We owe it to MWCers who came before us and to those who will come after us in make this campus and surrounding community a positive place to live. So if you have a gripe or an idea for change, write a letter to us, go to a Senate meeting, even better, knock on the doors of the administration. And remember, be exactly opposite of what they want us to be: involved.

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## Telecommuting Abilities Prove Rewarding, Necessary In Work Force

By Margaret Klaiton  
Guest Columnist

A graduate of our business program phoned me recently and asked if I knew how she could convince her employer to let her telecommute so she could care for her elderly mother. Elder care is one of the major reasons employees like the option of being able to work at home. Other reasons are for maternity care, childcare, recovering from surgery and other illness, reducing the stress of the average one-hour commute and to reduce environmental pollution.

Seniors who are interviewing for jobs should ask if their future employer has a telecommuting work option. Many companies have informal options that are arranged on a one-to-one basis. Others like AT&T, Signet Bank, Traveler's Insurance, Fairfax County Government and the Commonwealth of Virginia have formal programs that require workers to sign contracts. Regardless of which arrangement a company may have, employers who in the past selected experienced workers as telecommuters are now considering entry-level employees. Due to downsizing, restructuring, space-saving requirements and cost containment, employers are seeking new ways to save money and keep morale high. Their answer is telecommuting.

Not all employees work at home. A form of half-way offices, telecenters have evolved which allow employees to work in office-type environments near their homes. Shared equipment and facilities make these work areas attractive to organizations that pay high rents in metropolitan areas. Fredericksburg has one of these "offices of the future." The federal government's General Services Administration has located four of these facilities within a 60-mile radius of Washington, DC. Funding for a second

Fredericksburg region telecenter was recently approved and a third center is planned.

Employees like working at home or at telecenters because they realize cost savings from reduced car use, eating out less, purchasing fewer work clothes and reduced childcare costs. In addition, telecommuters have control over when they get their work done. Although these benefits are attractive, telecommuting is not for everyone. Those workers who lack self-discipline and need socializing had better forget about telecommuting. For those who like to know more about telecommuting, our college library has one of the largest holdings of telecommuting in the East or you may wish to buy Lis Flemming's "The One-Minute Commuter," which sells for about \$13 in our college bookstore. This is the book that I sent our graduate who needed to convince her employer that she could work at home and care for her mother.

*Seniors who are interviewing for jobs should ask if their future employer has a telecommuting work option. Employees like working at home or at telecenters because they realize cost savings.*

Margaret Klaiton is an assistant professor of business at Mary Washington College and has played a key role in the development of the Fredericksburg telecommuting center.

## Euthanasia Is Not For Population Control

By Patricia Metzger  
Guest Columnist

Most of the animals in our local shelter are not as fortunate as some in other communities where animals are adopted frequently; most of the animals in the Fredericksburg shelter will die. Until last month, I had never seen an animal euthanized except in videos. As president of Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, my rational self told me that I should not only see the procedure firsthand, but that I should learn to perform it myself. Four years have elapsed since I determined what I should do, and I've continually made excuses for not working this activity into my schedule.

Early last month I noticed Spunky showing the signs of feline leukemia, a fatal disease in cats. I took her to the vet to confirm what I suspected, and he did. You can grow very fond of a cat in six months, particularly a

throwaway found in a parking lot.

I know about feline leukemia. It's only been a year since I watched Sam die of feline leukemia; before Sam, Princess and Sweetie and Stray Cat. I knew Spunky had about a month to live and I watched her grow visibly weaker day by day. By the end of December, I found myself whispering to her as I had to Sam: "Let go. It's time. Let go." As she struggled to climb on my lap, almost too weak to walk, I made the decision. There was no point in her going on like this. While all the others had died "naturally," I would take Spunky to the shelter. Tomorrow I would learn about euthanasia.

The next day I put her in the car and my determination faded when she crawled into my lap, licked my arm, and purred. I drove around the shelter... around Fredericksburg... around Stafford... and back home. I just couldn't do it. Tomorrow I would do it.

The next day I drove to the shelter

with her in my arms, then sat outside for an hour, hoping... but Spunky wouldn't let go. I took her inside.

Too emaciated for the shelter worker to use a vein, the needle was inserted into her stomach. Blinded by tears that had started before we entered the shelter, I asked: "How long?"

"Just a few minutes, usually two or three. Sometimes a little longer. Sometimes there's a spasm at the end. Sometimes a last gasp and a final cry."

"How do you know when it's done?"

"Her heart will stop beating. Here, do you feel her heart?" It is still beating? Now?"

I watched as the needle filled again. "She won't feel this. It usually doesn't take two shots, particularly in one so small."

Spunky, true to her name, was spunky until the end. As I buried her, I thought about the shelter worker, and shelter workers throughout the

United States.

We expect shelter workers to care for these animals, to determine who is most adoptable, who can remain another day, then to kill the rest, one by one, week in and week out, with no end in sight.

Fredericksburg SPCA took in 3300 animals in our time. Of the 2200 animals killed, most were healthy and most were cats. All were unwanted.

Euthanasia should be the release for animals like Spunky; it should not be a population control method. Certainly, euthanasia in a shelter by lethal injection is preferable to burying puppies alive and drowning kittens, but euthanasia does not address the real problem. The real problem is overpopulation. If mandatory spay and neuter legislation seems tough, you should go down to the shelter and watch euthanasia.

Patricia Metzger is a Mary Washington College associate professor of business.

## Letters to the Editor

### Students Must Voice Budget Concerns

The college and universities of Virginia have been undergoing a series of severe budget cuts and downsizing over the past five years that will total a 27 percent cut, more than any other state agency. Those cuts have left our institutions without many options to implement Virginia Governor George Allen's further reductions, including a six percent cut for Mary Washington, and mandated but unfunded increases in faculty salaries.

Higher education has become the object of many politicians' call for state reductions, and has been forced to reduce to the point where quality has been hurt. Virginia's higher education system is among the best in the country, but we are unlikely to keep that status without investing in the system. Currently, Virginia ranks 43rd in the country in state support per student, and second in the country in tuition rates. Allen's cap on tuition rates is a stop-gap measure that will only reduce the quality of higher education in the long run.

Students need to take an active part in the budgetary process. Please sign

up to attend General Assembly Day in Richmond, Feb. 15. Call 899-4308 or write Box 601 if you are interested in going.

Heather Mullins  
Student Government President

### Post Office Volunteers Are Much Appreciated

I wish to thank every student volunteer, on behalf of the entire College Post Office staff, for their generosity in assisting with the sorting and forwarding of student mail. I am sure that your classmates would thank you also if they knew how much your help has assisted in them receiving their mail.

If it were in my power, each of you would be compensated for your time, effort, and great attitudes. However, all I can do is to thank you publicly and let you know that I sincerely appreciate your volunteer efforts. Each of you is a testament to the spirit which makes this college special.

Thank you!

Susan E. Ames  
Manager, College Post Office

### Fundamental Aspects Of Today's World Cannot Be Dismissed For Sexless Society

Last week you published a very frightening column which dealt with the theory of the "sexless society." The column argued that "all incorporations of one's sex (anatomical category) into political, social and familial arenas should be stopped." It was further argued that "one's usually hidden genitals should not be the basis for any categorization." Of course they should! Male and female genitals, aside from the obvious physical differences, perform very different tasks. The sexless society idea is very shallow and pseudo-idealistic. There is another statement that says "erotic attraction should not be based on the potential partner's sex at all, but rather solely on personality." That is an incredibly naive statement. It is human nature to notice someone's physical attributes and to be attracted to them if they have what attracts you. I do not consider myself a monster because I sometimes feel this way, and neither should anyone else. I am sick and tired of being attacked because I am a white, middle-class, heterosexual male who doesn't think that human nature is such an evil thing. It seems that the sexless society would

encourage us to all wear chastity belts and bags over our heads as we walked around wearing identical clothing on identical sidewalks in identical towns. Let's all just breathe a bit.

Zak Biltmeier  
Sophomore

I was recently amused by Nicole L. Reid's column regarding the "Sexless Society." It has certainly been a long time since I have heard anyone try as hard as she did to ignore one of the most fundamental aspects of our world: men and women are different. Apart from what one would hope are obvious physical differences, men and women vary in several ways including chemically, and, one may argue, psychologically. To suggest a concept as absurd as omitting a gender on a birth certificate, one of the column's suggestions, is naive, as are other points in the column. I would suggest to Ms. Reid that she spend less time with "herstory" and more time studying physiology.

Derek M. Botcher  
Junior

### Bullet Letter and Column Policy

The Bulletin is always eager to receive letters to the editor and guest columns and every effort is made to print them. If there are numerous letters on one subject, a sampling of the best letters received will be printed.

Letters should be no more than 250 words and columns no more than 700 words, typed, double-spaced. All letters and columns are subject to editing for length and clarity, as well as deleting what letters and columns will run in the newspaper. The deadline for letters and columns is Monday at 5 p.m.

All letters and columns must be mailed to the Bulletin at Box 604, 1301 College Avenue, Fredericksburg, VA 22401-4066 or delivered to our office in the Woodland Campus Center. If you have any questions, call Jill Golden or Kendra L. Williams at 899-4303.

# Student Government Mid-Year Report

## VIRGINIA STUDENT COALITION FORMED

The budgetary problems in Virginia have subjected Virginia schools to many cutbacks during the past recession, and it appears that situation will not change until college students are able to gain political power. That power could be exercised when the Governor and General Assembly of Virginia make their funding priorities. The Student Body Presidents of all Virginia's four-year colleges and Universities have formed a body to make this a reality. The Virginia Student Coalition is a roundtable of student body presidents and legislative coordinators from around the state. Heather Mullins, Mary Washington Student Government president is serving as the secretary/treasurer of the statewide organization. The organization is a nonprofit non-partisan action organization with the intent to educate students on state legislative matters and motivate them to take action. It was formed last year with the goal of beginning to influence the legislative process. This year several substantive projects have been planned including the postcard drive going on now by the Legislative Action Committee, and the General Assembly Day on February 15. It is very important that our concerns are heard during the legislative process, or our concerns are without any voice at all. Student Government President Heather Mullins, Legislative Action Committee Chair Geof Hart and Freshman Sarah Zapola have been working to form this group and implement its projects here at Mary Washington College.

## LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE PUSHES ON

The Legislative Action Committee has had its work cut out for it this past year, having to focus on budgetary issues as well as its normal functions on campus. In addition to working on the projects of the Virginia Student Coalition, they have also had many projects of their own.

Voter registration has continued to be a big concern to the committee, as we struggle to provide students with the opportunity to vote in the City of Fredericksburg without hassle. If students are allowed to vote in Fredericksburg, then we will have a voice in local government. We have continued to have difficulties with the Fredericksburg Registrar, and though our fall voter registration drive was fairly successful, the Legislative Action Committee is scheduled to take students to City Hall to register on January 25. If you will be attending Mary Washington College for several more years, please consider registering in the City of Fredericksburg, not only for convenience, but also so that you can help to determine the issues that impact you while you live here. Not to mention the thrill of being able to use the real voting machines! New state laws that will allow for mail-in registration next year will probably help make this an easier issue.

During the 1994 elections the Legislative Action Committee provided Virginia voters with the official positions of candidates not only of the statewide elections, but also for the local elections. On election day, van rides were provided to and from the polls, and an exit poll was conducted of Mary Washington students after they voted, our students stuck with the eventual winners, Senator Robb and Congressman Bateman.

The Committee has also sponsored the local City Council Forum for the last elections, and the Regional Health Care Forum in association with Mary Washington Hospital.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY DAY PLANNED

The Student Government in coordination with the Virginia Student Coalition has planned to take part in the General Assembly Day for the College and University students of Virginia state schools. This will be an opportunity for students from all schools to gather in Richmond on January 25 to speak with their legislators and other students about the budgetary decisions being made about higher education for the next fiscal biennium. The event will feature the Virginia Student Coalition and the media. Over 1,000 students are expected to take part. Mary Washington students have the opportunity to sign up for a bus that will take students to and from the exciting event. Send your name and phone number to Box 601, or look for sign up sheets around campus. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet people for other schools and see our capital city! Please consider doing your part to preserve Mary Washington and the entire Virginia higher education system by taking part in this historic event.

## OUR CROSSWALK HOPES

The Senate Safety Committee along with the Legislative Action Committee have high hopes for the installation of two crosswalks that would be mainly used by students. The first is at the corner of College Avenue and Route 1, allowing for easy access to the Park and Shop. The second, and more urgent one, is at the corner of Sunken Road and Route 3, where a student was struck last semester. Both of these are important goals for the SGA Senate Safety Committee and the Legislative Action Committee. If you have any input on this subject, or have been the victim of a "near miss" at either of these intersections please contact the Legislative Action Committee or the Senate Safety Committee.

## IMPROVING MAIL SERVICES

Student Government will be sponsoring a mail-a-thon, providing prizes for the student organization that has the most volunteers help out at the mail room this semester. Volunteer to help at the mail room and sign in for your organization when you get there. The organization or club that has the most volunteers will win a \$100 prize for their Student Accounts budget. This is a way to encourage service to our community and provide funds to Student Organizational budgets.

## HOUSING FAIR ANNOUNCED

This year for the very first time the Commuting Student Association published a Commuting Student Handbook for off-campus residents. It included information vital for setting up residence and living in Fredericksburg. The Association also revived the commuting student newsletter for the first time in years. Now, John Cagle, the Commuting Student President, is also announcing that they will be sponsoring a Off-Campus Housing Fair on February 9 from 2-5pm in the Great Hall. This fair will allow students to talk with local realtors, look at house plans, and see pictures of lots of houses/apartments all at once. Hopefully it will help take some of the strain out of finding a place to live in Fredericksburg. In addition to realtors, important information will be provided on your rights as a tenant, the ordinances of Fredericksburg, how to set up utilities, etc. This event will be a big time-saver for students looking to find a home away from campus. Look for publicity or call John Cagle, commuting student president.

## SMOKING IN THE NEST?

At the end of the last year, the Student Government Senate voted overwhelmingly to ban smoking from all indoor parts of the Woodard Campus Center, including the back room of the Eagle's Nest. During the fall semester of this year there was a recall and very lively debate on the subject. Currently the Senate Student Opinion Committee is conducting a poll of the student body to see if the consensus is to keep the Eagle's Nest smoke-free or to lift the ban. If you have any input please contact the Student Opinion chairpersons.

## THE NEW ROSTER

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## ON MY HONOR....

### The activities of the MWC Honor Council

The Honor Council had a busy semester in the fall dealing with six cases which actually came to trial or a Review and Sanctioning Hearing.

Just to clarify the actual process, upon the Honor Advisory Board's decision that there is sufficient evidence to warrant an Honor Trial, an accused student has three choices. He/She can withdraw, plead guilty and go straight to the Review and Sanctioning Hearing, or choose to stand trial before a jury of his/her peers.

As you will see, the Honor Code accusations are not taken lightly and the subsequent sanctions are a reflection of the seriousness of the consequences. It is helpful to keep in mind that the Mary Washington Honor Code uses a multi-sanction system and the sanction is therefore tailored to fit the specific circumstances of the case.

The following is a compilation of the Honor Trials or Hearings from the fall semester 1994:

1. Trial
  - a. student accused of cheating
  - b. found guilty
  - c. sanction - three semesters probation
2. Trial
  - a. student accused of cheating
  - b. found guilty
  - c. sanction - 1 semester suspension
  - d. sanction appealed
  - e. Honor Appellate Board reduced sanction to one semester probation
3. Review and Sanctioning Hearing
  - a. student accused of stealing
  - b. plead guilty
  - c. sanction - two semesters suspension
  - d. sanction appealed
  - e. Honor Appellate Board upheld original sanction
4. Review and Sanctioning Hearing
  - a. student accused of lying
  - b. plead guilty
  - c. sanction - 35 hours of community service to be completed by March 1, 1995.
5. Review and Sanctioning Hearing
  - a. student accused of lying
  - b. plead guilty
  - c. case pending
6. Review and Sanctioning Hearing
  - a. student accused of lying
  - b. plead guilty
  - c. case pending

Throughout the semester there are also cases brought to the attention of the Honor Council that do not go beyond Honor Advisory Board. If there is insufficient evidence of an Honor Code violation or the grounds are inappropriate, the Board can dismiss the case, issue a letter of reprimand, or refer the case to an appropriate body for adjudication. Additionally, as is evident, there are all types of cases -- lying, cheating, stealing -- brought to the attention of the Council by a mixture of MWC members -- students, faculty and administrators.

I hope this list of cases from last semester gives everyone a better idea of the workings of the Honor System. Please feel free to contact me at the Honor Council Office (899-4619) if you have questions or comments.

A. Courtney Weise  
Honor Council President

## GAME ROOM THINK TANK

The Campus Center at Mary Washington College is absent many of the facilities that can help to make a campus center the true epicenter of campus life. In order to help remedy this, the Student Government and the Administration have decided to explore options for a game room to be located on campus to encourage leisure time to be spent on campus. Options and ideas being discussed by the committee are ping pong, video and pinball games, skee ball and other activities. If you have any input for facilities you would like to see on campus, or would like to serve on this committee, please contact Todd Palcic, Senate president.

## SENATE BUILDS A HOUSE

Senate President and Student Government Vice President Todd Palcic has put an emphasis on community service for the senate this year. One of their main projects has been Habitat for Humanity, volunteering to build houses for those who are unable to afford them. Senate Board also plans to play bingo with the elderly, and the Special Projects Committee is doing a clothes drive for the underprivileged.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Heather L. Mullins  
Student Government President

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AN UPDATE  
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# FEATURES

## Seacobeck Employees Bear Heavier Loads

By Amy Wood  
Special to the Bulletin

Student managers recently announced a new policy that Seacobeck dining hall will require all student employees to work a minimum of 10 hours per week in the 1995 spring semester, not including weekends.

Most students understand the necessity of this policy, but are not happy about the resulting extra work load.

Student manager Deborah Herron said too many students have been working only about six hours per week, especially during the current fall semester. Herron said many shifts have lacked a sufficient number of workers, which has been ineffective.

Olga Santiago, who works in the Financial Aid office, said that a total of 120 students, including supervisors and managers, can work at Seacobeck each semester, but that the number of hours each student works is up to the dining hall.

Seacobeck offers some of the highest paying jobs on campus with student employees, supervisors, and managers earning upwards of \$4.90 per hour, respectively. According to Santiago, the only jobs that pay more are lifeguards and instructional aids with Stafford City Schools.

Gordon Inge, director of Food Services, said the MWC dining services will be efficient as long as students work the 10 hours expected of them.

"If every student worked 10 hours consistently, everyone would pull their fair share," Inge said. "When some students work less than 10 hours, it puts pressure on other students who have to work more to make up for the lost time."

He also said that students who work less than 10 hours take up slots that could be filled by students who can work the 10 hours. Because of the new policy, several students have announced their resignation for next semester.

Junior Jessica Fulmer, who has worked at Seacobeck for three years, said the 10 hours

requirement is too demanding.

"I can't work 10 hours during the day at Seacobeck, go to classes, and then work my other job at night," Fulmer said.

According to Fulmer, the work minimum is demanding because the dining halls close every night at 7 p.m. This means the 10 hours per week must be scheduled around classes. Other campus jobs have longer shifts, like the library, which does not close until 11 p.m., giving students flexible schedules and time to go to class.

Darrin Bach, a junior, understands the need for the new system since Seacobeck has a limited number of workers, but said he does not have time to work longer shifts.

"I have no problem with the new system. I just can't work 10 hours and keep my other job," Bach said.

Junior Lauren Creamer disagreed. "I don't think it's fair. People on financial aid can only work 13 hours a week maximum, and the 10 hour a week requirement doesn't include weekends. Now some students might not be able to work their weekend shifts because they will have too many hours," she said.

Student manager Dave Sturgeon said that students will be able to work on weekends because they only work every other weekend, enabling them to average 13 hours per week. Sturgeon said nothing is really changing next semester, students just might find themselves with a few additional shifts. He said if they cannot work the extra hours, they will not be able to keep their job because the dining hall has a limited pool of student workers.

However, Herron said the dining hall will try to be flexible to students' needs.

"We are willing to work with people and their schedules," Herron said and recognized that the employees are students first, and it is understandable if they are unable to fulfill the work minimum in addition to taking a heavy course load. She does not anticipate problems

with the new policy or foresee a shortage of workers, however, because she said the Financial Aid Office always finds people who want to work.

Student Manager Kerry Dagle said most students cannot handle the 10-hour work minimum, but that the dining hall is in a no-win situation since they cannot hire more people. She suggested that the dining service hire more ARAMark Corporation workers, or give them more responsibilities. This solution would not require as many student workers in each room.

Student Supervisor Matt Morin said he felt an increase in his work load this semester with all of the changes at Seacobeck. He said that they have the same number of workers as last semester, but now they have more responsibilities.

"Every week it seems to be something new," Morin said. "I don't believe the ARA workers always work as hard as they should. Most do a good job, but some seem to disappear." He agreed that more duties could be assigned to the ARA workers.

Inge responded that the dining service gave ARA workers and the students new responsibilities this semester. He said he cannot hire more ARA workers since he is operating under a budget, which is already over the limit. Inge said this new policy is not necessarily a result of under staffing, but that people just need to accept more responsibility and do their job. Inge has worked with Seacobeck for 13 years and has seen the changes in the student workers.

"Working here used to be a joke but now it's a serious job," Inge said. He said Seacobeck is a business just like any other, and should be treated accordingly. For now, he said the new policy is just one way of dealing with students working less than 10 hours, but dining services may implement similar new policies in the future.



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Kuni Yanoshita works a minimum of 10 hours per week at Seacobeck.

## Problems With Landlords Leave Students Without Water

By Stephanie Barnes  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Last year, then-junior Stuart Thornton had no running water in his house on Amelia Street for the two weeks he and his roommates tried to get in touch with their landlord.

"It was hard to get anything done. For a long period of time we didn't have any water. We kept calling him and calling him, trying to get him to get a plumber. We finally had to do it on our own," Thornton said.

Even after hearing about their two weeks without water, the landlord was mad at them for calling a plumber and not letting him take care of it, Thornton said.

The same thing happened when they did not have any heat. "Right when it got really cold in the winter, we didn't have any heat and he kept putting off getting heat for us," he said.

Thornton's landlord was not available for comment.

For many of the 44 percent of the commuting students at MWC, living off campus can be more trouble than it is worth. Whether it is dealing with landlords and realtors, understanding leases and renters rights, or merely surviving in the neighborhood, the experience can be very frustrating.

For the average student who pays about \$200 a month, two of the most common problems are actually getting in touch with the landlords and having them fix the problems in a reasonable amount of time.

Kerri Barile, a recent MWC graduate, recalls the times she had to call her landlord when problems occurred. "In order to get anything done, we had to keep on her back," Barile said.

In response, Ann Black, realtor of Barile's house, said, "We're kind of caught in the middle, we can only act on behalf of the owner and what they want us to do."

According to Louis Villemez, an attorney at Rappahannock Legal Services, it is possible to include in your lease a guarantee that broken appliances and other damages will be fixed within a reasonable amount of time.

"There aren't any special rules, you can put in whatever you want.

Virginia will basically enforce whatever you put in that lease, whether it's the tenant [or the landlord] who is responsible for all repairs," Villemez said.

Although this sounds like a reasonable solution, it is not always easy to convince the realtor to include these additions. According to Villemez, landlords are required to fix anything that endangers the health or safety of the tenant, such as no heat or no water. If damages like these are not fixed, students are entitled to call Fredericksburg City Hall and have them conduct a building inspection, he said.

Rather than calling City Hall, many students find one of the best solutions is to have a parent call the owners.

After trying to contact the owners of her house for several days in order to break her lease, senior Rose Burnley had her mother call.

"It finally took my mother calling and saying, 'My child is not going to live there anymore and if we have to take this to court then we will,'" she said.

One thing that both students and landlords do agree on is how important it is to read and understand the lease.

"Make sure they know what appliances are being rented to them on a 'as is' basis and what they have to repair and what they don't," said Nancy Greene, from Fredericksburg Realty.

Villemez agreed that students should be very careful that they understand the exact terms of the lease. "Know what's in the lease; read the lease and you might find some surprises. Every landlord is going to have a different lease," he said.

According to Barile, renters should write down everything that is damaged and the condition of the property from the start, so they don't pay for unwarranted charges.

"One thing that we did that I highly recommend was to go through the house from top to bottom and write down every nook and cranny. By

doing that it saved us a lot of trouble," Barile said.

At Fredericksburg Realty, Greene said tenants are supposed to write down all damages when they first move in.

"They have a couple of days to give me a list of what they've already found wrong, so when they get ready to move out and we do the final inspection, I can tell that it was already like that before they moved in," Greene said.

Almost all companies require a cleaning and damages deposit, usually one month's rent in advance, that is used for fixing damages and cleaning charges. Because of repairs such as these, a lot of students do not get their deposits back. However, the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act requires realtors to provide some kind of document, within 30 days, which tells specifically how the money was used.

"We send out an itemized deduction report that they sign when we're doing the walk-through, so they know about what the damages are going to be," said Karen Jablonski from Long and Foster Realtors.

However, it is sometimes a hassle trying to get either the deposit back or a deduction report. In Thornton's case, he did not get any of his deposit back or a deduction report.

"We did damage some things but not anywhere near \$700 worth of property. I at least want a list of what [the owner] had to buy for the house," Thornton said.

While most students only have to put up with the day-to-day hassle of dealing with landlords and neighbors, others face severe neighborhood crimes. Burnley and her three roommates were forced to leave their house on Pitt Street after two months because of a series of break-ins.

Burnley said, "It was only later when I talked to the girls that lived there before that I found the house has a history of about three years of break-ins. They never told us in the beginning," she said.



Courtesy photo

Environmentalists protest congressional cutbacks on current protection laws.

## Possible Cutbacks Concern Professors

By Jenine Zimmers  
Bulletin Assistant Features Editor

Since the late 1960s, the U.S. government has been trying to protect growing environmental problems with laws such as the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Air Act, and the Safe Drinking Water Act. However, these environmental efforts could prove to be in vain if Congress gets its way.

According to the environmental organization, Free The Planet, House Speaker Newt Gingrich and the rest of the newly elected Congress have threatened to cut funding for many of these environmental protection laws.

Assistant Professor of Biology Stephen B. Gough is also concerned that Congress may not place an emphasis on the environmental protection laws.

"There is a real danger in the shift of power in Congress because it will lead to backsliding in efforts to clean up the environment. Saving the environment can't be accomplished by free enterprise alone. The only recourse we have at present is to have regulations that protect the environment," Gough said.

As the 25th anniversary of Earth Day approaches in April, Free The Planet environmentalists are fighting for protection laws, since many people are afraid that Congress could threaten the environment by making financial cutbacks to many environmental protection laws.

Robert L. McConnell, professor of geology, said that getting rid of any environmental laws would be a mistake since most people who are not directly involved in the sciences would not protect the environment unless they were obligated by law.

"We passed these laws as a result of overwhelming public pressure," McConnell said, and added that the federal government needs to take action because most people do not take the responsibility to care for the environment themselves.

McConnell pointed out that this is not the first time our environmental laws have dealt with cut-backs.

"The government already started cutting back on funding during the Reagan administration which has led to the problems we have now," he said.

Gough said that none of the environmental laws have room for more cutbacks. "It's difficult to single out one thing and I have a feeling [Congress] wants to target a lot of

things for cut-backs," he said.

Though McConnell agreed that the protection laws are important, he does not know whether the government can provide the necessary funds.

"We can't afford not to have the Clean Water Act, but we don't have the money for it," he said.

Scott W. Fischer, senior lecturer of political science, thinks it is too early to make predictions about which laws Congress may cut since our government is so divided at this point. If Congress did make environmental cuts, the president could veto them, he said.

"I don't see any radical changes. My hunch is that it would be really hard to override the president's veto," Fischer said.

According to a Free The Planet press release, they will hold a conference in Philadelphia on the weekend of Feb. 25-26 which will involve campus leaders from 3000 colleges working on saving the environment.

McConnell said that people should not put off efforts to protect the environment since our natural resources are not endless.

"A lot of people don't realize there's a limit to what the earth can provide," he said.



# SPORTS

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### O'Brien Wins! O'Brien Wins!

Sophomore forward Amanda O'Brien's standout performances in her three games this past week has earned her the title of Bullet Player of the Week.

O'Brien averaged 18.3 points and 10.3 rebounds, even though the Eagles lost two of her team's three Capital Athletic Conference games this past week. O'Brien is also ranked fifth in the CAC in field goal percentage with .496 (56-113). Other nominees were Corinne May and Stefanie Teter (women's basketball) and Marvin Felix and Matt Seward (men's basketball).



Amanda O'Brien

### Tuesday Night's Game

MWC Eagles 71  
Randolph-Macon Jackets 60

MWC	36	35	71
RM	26	34	60

Women's Basketball Scoring			
MWC	FG	FT	Points
Corinne May	5 of 21	6-8	16
Amanda O'Brien	6 of 9	0-0	12
Ashley Seckford	6 of 13	0-0	12
Robin Coates	4 of 11	2-2	10
Lindsay Stover	3 of 4	4-7	10
Stefanie Teter	3 of 8	0-0	9
Bridget Rooney	1 of 2	0-0	2
Michelle Beagen	0 of 1	0-0	0
Julie Harrison	0 of 0	0-0	0

Top Four Jacket Scorers			
	FG	FT	Points
Sandy Crispin	9 of 13	2-2	20
Jenn Kohler	7 of 16	2-2	17
Annette Cahill	2 of 3	2-5	6
Stephanie Kress	3 of 6	0-0	6

Rebounds: RM 47 (Kohler 8); MWC 42 (Coates 9). Assists: MWC 20 (Teter 8), RM 10 (Kohler 4). Turnovers: RM 30 (Crispin 8), MWC 22 (May 6). Steals: MWC 11 (Coates, Teter 4), RM 3 (Kohler 2).

### CAC Standings Men's B-Ball

Standings	CAC	Pct.
York	5-1	.833
Catholic	5-2	.714
Gallaudet	4-2	.667
Goucher	3-2	.600
MWC	3-3	.500
Salisbury State	4-5	.444
St. Mary's	1-5	.167
Marymount	0-5	.000

### MWC Rankings (In CAC)

Field Goal Percentage	fourth	.436
FGP Defense	fifth	.486
3-Point Field Goal Per.	third	.344
Free Throw Percentage	first	.739

### CAC Standings Women's B-Ball

Standings	CAC	Pct.
Salisbury State	6-1	.857
Marymount	5-1	.833
Goucher	5-1	.833
York	2-3	.400
St. Mary's	2-4	.333
MWC	1-3	.250
Catholic	0-3	.000
Gallaudet	0-5	.000

### Upcoming Events . . .

Jan. 26	Women's Basketball at Christopher Newport, 6 p.m.
	Men's Basketball at Shenandoah University, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 28	Men's Basketball at York College, 2 p.m.
	Women's Basketball at York College, 4 p.m.
	M/W Swimming vs. Gettysburg College at Goolrick Gymnasium, 2 p.m.
	M/W Indoor Track & Field at Hagerstown Invitational, 1 p.m.
Jan. 31	Women's Basketball vs. Catholic University at Goolrick Gymnasium, 6 p.m.
	Men's Basketball vs. Catholic University at Goolrick Gymnasium, 8 p.m.

## Swimming Crushes Marymount, Overcomes Suspensions

By Eric Gaffen  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Both the MWC men's and women's swimming teams visited Marymount University in Arlington, Jan. 18. Due to disciplinary action, the men's team only traveled with six swimmers. Despite this impairment, the Eagles easily defeated a similarly shorthanded Marymount team by a comfortable 30-point margin, 78-48, boosting their record to 5-2. The women once again over-matched their opponents, 104-64, improving their record to 6-1.

The meet, as described by head coach Marc Brown, "was very relaxed. They had people suspended and we had people suspended, but the guys who did go [to Marymount] swam exceptionally well." On the women's

lopsided score, Brown remarked, "Our women just crushed their women."

The women took first place in eight events, with sophomore Megan Reese and junior Eliza Barcus leading the way, each winning two events. Reese won the 200 free in 1:58.83 and the 100 butterfly in 1:01.38, while Barcus showed her versatility by winning the 100 free in 58.72 and the 1,000 free in 11:10.84. Junior Liz Darcy won the 50 free in 27.39, freshman Jessica Green won the 100 back in 1:06.73, and both Darcy and Green swam with Freshman Liz Bean and senior Larissa Nojek in the 200 medley relay team, winning in 4:59.92. Junior Nancy McClain won the 400 individual medley in 4:59.92.

Regarding the women's side of the CAC Championships, Brown said, "They'll repeat as conference

champions. The goal now for the team is to get as many girls qualified for the NCAAAs as possible. Last year, there were a lot of borderline times [for qualifying for the NCAAAs] for the girls. Hopefully, the training will improve those times." On the men's side, "There are three to five guys who have shots at the NCAA's this year if they have a good meet," Brown said.

The men also took first in eight events at Marymount, as three swimmers won two events: freshman Ryan Forbrich won the 50 free in 23.11 and the 100 free in 50.77, freshman Todd Hutzler won the 400 individual medley in 5:01.53 and the 1,000 free in 11:53.39, and freshman Chris Rice won the 100 backstroke in 1:00.72 and the 100

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## Women Win With Strong Defense

By Kate Dube  
Bulletin Staff Writer

The unexpected return of senior Corinne May and the outstanding defense of junior Robin Coates gave the Mary Washington College women's basketball team a 71-60 win over Randolph-Macon Tuesday night.

May was expected to miss her first game following 89 straight appearances after being elbowed in the face and nearly losing a tooth during Saturday's 89-64 loss at Goucher College.

"I wasn't expecting Corinne to play tonight," said Eagles coach Connie Gallahan. "She got back from New York [where she was home to see an oral surgeon] at 4 p.m. and, thank goodness for us, she sat here and couldn't stand it [not playing] and decided to play."

"I was really glad Corinne got to play after being hurt," said Coates. "We were ready to play anyway, but we were already struggling with numbers."

May led the team with 16 points. Coates scored 10 points in addition to leading the team with nine rebounds.

"Coates was the key to the game," said Gallahan. "I put her on No. 5 [Randolph-Macon junior Jenn Kohler]. She is an excellent player and she was beating everyone. Robin just played wonderful defense on her."

"She had a really quick first step," said Coates of Kohler, who scored 17 points for Randolph-Macon. "I just gave her some room. You had to respect her quickness and how she drives."

Gallahan only expected six players for Tuesday's game. She officially added two players who had been practicing with the team, freshman Jill Reiley and senior Bridget Rooney, to make up for the losses due to injuries.

While the game was controlled by MWC, poor rebounding and missed offensive opportunities kept the game close.

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Chris Oglivie/Bullet

Sophomore guard Justin McCarthy pulls up for the open jumper to finish off the Eagles' fast break.

## Felix and Warren Lead Eagles To Victory

By Brian Schumacher  
Bulletin Staff Writer

After a rocky start to their season, the men's basketball team climbed back into the Capital Athletic Conference title hunt this week with victories over Gallaudet and Salisbury State.

The team has been anchored by the continued stellar play of senior Jamie Warren and the emergence of freshman Marvin Felix. Against Gallaudet, Warren led the Eagles to an 89-84 victory with 24 points and 16 rebounds on Jan. 19. Gallaudet came to Goolrick Gym in first place in the CAC with a 4-0 record. The Eagles overcame an eight-point halftime deficit in the victory.

Two days later, the team had to face another conference power, Goucher

College. Goucher, the defending conference champions, proved to be too much for the Eagles to handle. The 89-70 loss came despite a big day for Felix. The team's "sixth man" came off the bench to lead the team with 21 points and 12 rebounds.

Goucher opened the game with a 12-4 run, but the Eagles were able to fight back and trailed by only four points at the half. However, Goucher began the second half even stronger than the first, going on a 23-6 run to open up a 21-point lead and put the game out of reach.

"Usually we have a slow start and we have to try and come from behind, but we've been falling short," Felix said.

The Eagles were at home again Jan. 24 to try and rebound against the Salisbury State Sea Gulls in another conference

battle. Salisbury State came into the game leading the CAC in scoring, averaging over 91 points a game. The Eagles lost to Salisbury State earlier in the season, 105-101, and were ready for another up tempo game.

The teams played close for most of the first half, and neither team was able to take control of the game. The Eagles were led by Warren and Felix, while the Sea Gulls turned to Kyle Jefferson, the nation's fourth leading scorer. The Eagles went into the locker room leading 41-39 at the half and looked to widen that margin in the second half.

However, Salisbury State briefly took the lead early in the second half as the tempo picked up. The Eagles roared back behind

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## "Thug Life" Carries Schick Tourney

By Meredith Lerley  
Bulletin Staff Writer

The annual Schick Super Hoops 3-on-3 intramural basketball tournament was held last Saturday in Goolrick Gymnasium, with the team Thug Life capturing the men's crown and the Rooney team capturing the female half of the tourney.

Eight hundred colleges and universities nationwide participate in this competition. Winners can advance to represent Mary Washington College in the Regional Finals held throughout the nation.

Although only seven teams were entered in the tournament, this weekend's competition was tough. "It was a little surprising that only seven teams came out for a one-day event, while we have 41 other intramural sports over two-week spans," said John MacDonald, intramural sports director.

Teams advanced to the championship round by double elimination. Finally, after a tough day of hoops on the men's side, Carey On, led by senior Chris Brady and juniors Steve Carhart and Dave Carey met Thug Life. They were led by senior Kerwin Miller and juniors Trevor Clarke and Corey Hamm in the final game.

After two very aggressive 20-minute games, Thug Life came out on top. Since Carey On went undefeated through the tournament, Thug Life had to beat them twice in the final round to capture the 3-on-3 title.

In the first game, both teams went back and forth with Thug Life taking a one-point lead into the final second. Brady drove and missed the shot but Carhart tipped the ball in for the win. However, the officials ruled that Carhart's bucket was after the buzzer, causing a second game to be played to determine

the victor.

"It felt good to beat some old teammates," said Miller, referring to Carey and Carhart.

The second game was close but Thug Life once again prevailed.

"It was a good game, we talked a little trash, we just had a good time," said Carhart.

Unfortunately, Miller and his teammates will not have the opportunity to represent Mary Washington in the Regional Finals to be held at American University. Both Miller and Hamm played varsity basketball for the Eagles.

While there were six men's teams shooting it out, only one women's team entered the competition. The automatic win on the women's side was given to the Rooney team, comprised of seniors Jen Bushman and Bridget Rooney, and juniors Stephanie Lowe and Alyssa Magrum. They did however, compete with the men. They too will not be able to travel to American University because Bushman and Rooney have also played basketball for the Eagles.

"I was disappointed more girls did not come out because we automatically won but it was more fun. We were definitely more challenging playing with the guys," said Lowe.

Usually this 3-on-3 tournament includes some kind of challenging event in which everyone can participate. The Hot Shots contest was this event.

Participants had the opportunity to score as many points as possible in one minute while shooting from different point valued places on the court. Sophomore Stuart Jones poured in 21 points and came out as the day's winner. There was also a free throw contest in which each contestant shot ten free throws. After a sudden-death overtime senior Joe Kirby came out the victor over Carhart.



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Senior Kerwin Miller, of Thug Life, looks to pass around the defense of senior Rick DeVoest.

# ENTERTAINMENT

## New Place To Get *Caffinated*

By Rob Thormeyer

Bulletin Assistant Entertainment Editor

Okay, the sign is up, the word has been spread, and there appears to be a faint white light illuminating from inside those curtains. The only question remaining: just when will the Espresso Grounds open?

According to Pat Miller, owner and manager of three local shops in the Fredericksburg area (Espresso Grounds, the Java Connection, and the Cone Connection), the Espresso

Grounds is planning on opening on or around Feb. 1.

The Espresso Grounds is located along William Street, in between Kenmore Street and Littlepage Street, yes, it's in that building right across from the gasoline station. Miller chose this location because of its closeness to the Mary Washington campus.

"I chose this location because of the clientele. I'm going for the college students and the people in that area. There's not much parking so most of the customers are going to

be in walking distance," said Miller. Location, however, is not the only perk the Espresso Grounds will soon offer.

Miller said, "There will be three rooms. [The first] will be a from cafe with a take-out, the second room will have a pool table, a juke box, and a Ms. Pac-Man arcade game; the last room will be a reading room with sofas, chairs, backgammon, chess, checkers, magazines and newspapers."

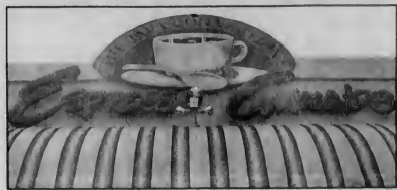
The Espresso Grounds will also have Erin McKeown, a local

acoustic guitar player. McKeown will be playing Friday nights.

But the fact of the matter is, the Espresso Grounds could have all the magazines and newspapers in the world, but, as freshman John Grant put it, "Do they know beans about coffee?"

From Miller's confidence about their coffee would seem to be a resounding "yes."

"We make it authentic, that's what we do. Anybody interested in good coffee should come here," said Miller.



Colleen Maguire/Bulletin

The Espresso Grounds will open around Feb. 1, giving college students a short walk for a hot cup o' joe.

## "Bad Company" Goes From Bad To Worse

By Matt Withers

Bulletin Movie Critic

Take away the "Company" in this title and you've pretty much got the movie. "Bad Company" is more than just a bad movie, however. That would be too simple of a term to describe a movie that is boring, ridiculous, poorly executed, sloppily edited, and based on an overused premise. I better admit right now that I didn't care much for the movie.

The company that the title refers to is the Grimes Company. Made up of highly skilled, though, often unorthodox men and women, the Grimes Company specializes in "questionable" assignments for any individual or group with enough money. These assignments range from bribing state supreme court judge to paying a young woman to have sex with her uncle so that the Grimes people can barge in and videotape the whole thing. That brings us to weak point number one (from this point on I won't number them; there are just too many).

Throughout this two-hour plus movie, the Grimes corporation appears to have only a president, vice president, two employees, and one client. The movie's set-up is laughably simple.

My biggest disappointment came from the performances of the two leads. Laurence Fishburne and Ellen Barkin both star in this movie. Usually I love watching both of them work. Boy did they suck in this movie, though.

Fishburne plays Nelson Crowe, a hot new recruit for the Grimes Company, with a dull and uninspiring lack of interest. At times, if he wasn't smoking, I wouldn't have known he was breathing. Ellen Barkin is equally disappointing in her role as Margaret, Crowe's immediate supervisor. Apparently Margaret is a woman with the tragic handicap of only being able to make two facial gestures: grimace and smirk/come-on. Perhaps it would have been easier to watch "Bad Company" if less accomplished



*At times, if [Fishburne] wasn't smoking I wouldn't have known he was breathing*

people had been butchering the roles; it was almost painful in this case.

The stench that emanates from "Bad Company" is not completely the fault of the actors. The screenplay is terrible as well. The writers seem to have an amazing talent for taking a conversation, ignoring the informational or generally interesting parts, and writing into the movie only those small and often confusing bits that nobody cares about, not even the people involved. The premise of "Bad Company," while overdone, is still a very entertaining idea when it is carried off reasonably well. In this case the movie does not even come close.

Of all the things that truly did not work in "Bad Company," one sticks out in my mind like a beacon. The sex scenes were terrible. Actually let me correct that, one of the sex scenes was the most laughably stupid scene ever put on film (except for when Holly Hunter tried to kill herself in "The Piano"). In this scene, Margaret and Crowe are plotting a murder as they have sex on patio furniture with a sunset in the background. Now imagine them both reaching climax as they get to the climax of their murder plans, and let me just tell you, they are vocal in their excitement about both. Hopefully none of you will have to experience the scene, but I'm scared.

The bottom line is simple. Do not go see this movie. Do not let your friends, relatives, or significant others go see it. Possibly recommend it to that professor who just failed you, but it might be too much. In short, my feeling about "Bad Company" is, "Blah!" Let it die quickly.

## The Brass Rail Becomes Golden

By Greg Urquhart

Special to the Bulletin

Like a phoenix, the Golden Rail has risen out of the ashes to claim its rightful spot in the Fredericksburg bar scene.

The name of this new bar may sound eerily familiar to anyone who remembers the Brass Rail, the popular night spot that was burned down allegedly by arsonist a year ago. While there is still a lot of mystery surrounding the fire, owners Gregory and Nikki Behlivanidis are determined to put it behind them and concentrate on the new bar.

"From the moment it burned down, we were looking for a new location to open back up," said Gregory Behlivanidis. "We were driving around and we saw this spot available."

The new spot is the former Showtime Pizza building, across the road from Lone Star on Route 1.



Colleen Maguire/Bulletin

Bartender Lori Garif prepares to serve a drink to customers at the Golden Rail.

Gregory is excited about this new location, as it is closer to the college than the Brass Rail was. And college kids are who he wants to attract. "When I owned the Brass Rail, the college students made me famous," he said.

Zachary Scott, the manager of the bar, says that he plans to attract the college crowd by offering an alternative college night scene. "On College Night we will play hot European dance music — it won't be just the same rap music that you hear everywhere," he said.

Gregory said he wants the music to be the defining characteristic of the bar. "I want this place to be the best club in Fredericksburg," he said. "We have a great dance floor and the top of the line stereo system. We will play music that the radio stations around here don't even have."

Gregory said he has visions of turning the bar into a rave club. Drafts are \$1 on College Night, scheduled for Thursdays. The doors will be open to everyone, but you must be 21 to drink. "No ID, no alcohol," said Bar Manager Melanie Pinyan.

Scott said that the bar will be especially careful not to let anyone underage drink. "The problem we had before [at the Brass Rail] was kids going into the bathrooms and drinking or drinking off of someone else's pitcher. We will have people walking around the bar making sure that people under 21 do not drink," he said.

In order to ease pre-legal angst, free sodas will be available to anyone under 21 and anyone driving. "We want people to have a safe, fun time," said Behlivanidis.

As it stands now, the Golden Rail is far from being a rave club. Walking in on a Wednesday (Karaoke Night) one sees sparse clusterings of Fredericksburg locals getting whiskey drunk and singing John Michael Montgomery songs to their wives.

Like every other bar in town, the Golden Rail calls itself a sports bar. There is one big screen TV in the center of the bar, and two small televisions in opposing

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## Emmet "Swimming" Their Way to the Mainstream

By Ryan Daugherty

Bulletin Staff Writer

Emmet Swimming will become famous. It just wouldn't make sense if they didn't.

The senseless occurrences of life, however, are the fodder this band ingests and regurgitates into something special. Named after the drowning of Emmet Till, 14-year-old black youth whose death helped catalyze the Civil Rights Movement, their very title connotes the dissonance of an often painful and confusing existence which lyricist Todd Watts captures ably and unpretentiously.

"I want to be yours but I don't know why," sounds the chorus of "Never Going Back," a song devoted to the risks and illogic of close relationships. Their music makes an urgent plea for answers that are not forthcoming: "Give me a reason!" bellows Watts in the middle of "A Letter," a song which contains striking ambiguities. "Set off to write you a letter to let you know I've been better." Watts' talent for picking out the subtle ironies of the English language

are also evident on "Never Crawl": "Funny thing about people -- they laugh as they go away."

Human angst is central to Emmet Swimming, but they don't choose that as their cliché to die in. At la Violent Femmes. Communicating a sincere attempt to accept the world as it is balances the angst-ridden musical moments so as to make them all the "angrier" when they occur.

"Hope is not a choice we're given," croons Watts on "Rain Pours Down," relating the war between reason and emotion that characterizes so many of their songs. "Broken Oar" is another gem; a song about a metaphorical boat that threatens to sink many times but is always given just enough ballast to stay afloat by Rob Shaw's delicate yet incisive bass lines. Shaw wields the bass as if he were surgically attached to it -- the conduit through which the intangible becomes tangible through music. Talking before the show, he described the key to bass playing in terms of paradoxes such as keeping a "mellow edge" and stated that once what's not too much and not too little has

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Mike Woodward/Bulletin

Vocalist Todd Watts and bassist Rob Shaw of Emmet Swimming played at Mother's this past weekend.

## BY THE WAY

Jan. 26: **Recital**, pianist Leon Bates; GW Hall, Dodd Auditorium; 8 p.m.; free  
Jan. 26: **Party**, 100th Night, Eagles Nest, 8 p.m.-12 a.m.  
Jan. 31: **Lecture**, "Dostoevsky and Tolstoy: The World's Greatest Novelists" by Edward Wasiolek; Woodard Campus Center, Red Room; 6 p.m.; free  
Feb. 3-March 31: **Exhibition**, "The Stories of Gods and Goddesses: Mythological Themes in Western Art"; Ridderhof Martin Gallery; Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m.; free  
Feb. 5: **Gospel Extravaganza**; GW Hall, Dodd Auditorium; 3 p.m.; free  
Feb. 9: **Lecture**, "Ethics and Education: The Pursuit of Honor in the Classroom and Beyond," by the Honorable John Charles Thomas, J.D.; Lee Hall Ballroom; 7 p.m.; free

## Local Music Scene

Wednesday Jan. 26 - Saturday, Jan. 28: **Almost Persuaded** (country) Houston's  
Thursday, Jan. 26: **Watershed Down** (rock), Irish Brigade  
Friday, Jan. 27: **Hurricane Bob** (blues), Irish Brigade  
Friday, Jan. 27: **Will Gravitt** (acoustic), Santa Fe  
Friday, Jan. 27: **Julius Bloom** (alternative), Mother's  
Friday, Jan. 27: **Heavy Country** (country) Fat Tuesdays  
Saturday, Jan. 28: **Augustus Gloop** (alternative), Irish Brigade

## Movies At Dodd

Jan. 27, (7 p.m.) and Jan. 28, (7 p.m.) **Schindler's List**

## WEEN



Ween will be performing live in the Underground, Sunday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m., with opening act Instant Death. \$1 with MWC ID and \$3 for non-students.



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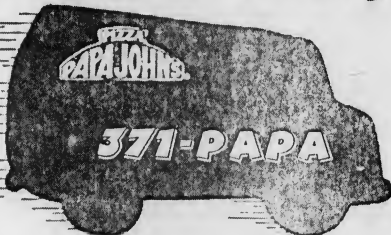
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been delineated, it is the bass player's job to determine what is just right. Shaw does this with great acumen.

Influenced by 80s alternative bands such as Hoodoo-Gurus and the Pixies as well as jazz (Shaw cites the late John Pastorias of "Weather Report" as the best bassist ever), Emmet Swimming boasts a sound that is distinctly their own. Listening to Erik Wenberg's lead-in riffs is like listening to water molecules band together to form ice. The fragile, crystalline lead guitar works in conjunction with Shaw's emotive yet steady bass to create something that sounds like life. Their music bends, swirls, hovers, radiates, pulses, weeps, and fulminates as much into

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corners. There are a couple of banners with Budweiser bottles and football helmets, but other than those the decor is decidedly un-sports bar like.

Most meals run about \$5, and a large one topping pizza is a good deal at \$10.45.

Krista Warner, a MWC senior and

waitress at the Golden Rail, thinks the place will catch on. "We have a really good chef and great Italian food," she said.

The Golden Rail has the potential to be a College Night Mecca. It has the two essential ingredients: a large dance floor and cheap beer.

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A potential turning point came halfway through the second half as Gallahan was called for a technical foul after Ashley Seekford was pushed near the top of the key and no foul was called.

"I had not opened my mouth all game long," said Gallahan. "All I said was 'She really nailed her, I have enough people hurt as it is.' That didn't hurt my team, they made several key baskets right after."

"I thought it helped a lot," agreed Coates. "We were pretty lachrymose, it really picked us up."

Gallahan felt her team came out with more intensity in the first half than they had in previous games. Sophomores Amanda O'Brien and Ashley Seekford both scored 12 points for the Eagles, while junior Stephanie Teter added nine. However, Gallahan credited the win to solid defense.

"My team really knows, really believes, that our defense creates our offense," said Gallahan. "Our defense made the difference in crucial points."

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butterfly in 55.21. Sophomore Matt Kennedy won the 200 free in 2:08.03 and the 200 medley relay team of Kennedy, Rice, Forbich, and freshman Brian Leavitt won in 1:49.38.

Kennedy said about the meet, "It was a fun meet to watch because everyone swam some off events. Also, every swim mattered, which usually isn't the case."

"Some people matched their bests [times], and others set new bests. Since that meet, we've had some excellent swims in practice," said Brown. "For some swimmers, it takes more time, because the training has beat up their body. [But] we started pre-taper yesterday [Monday], we'll wait ten days, and then drop down in training [so bodies can recover]."

Hutzler, two-time winner at Marymount commented on the rigorous training: "The training that we're doing has a lot of people tired, and swimming below times, but as we

taper, the bodies recover, and we get ready for the championships, we should all be set."

As the CAC Championships near, the swimmers start what is called a taper, which is the time period weeks before a big meet in which the athletes "pull back" in training, giving their body (if the taper is done right) the right amount of time to recover and reach top shape when the meet rolls around. Often, but not always, a taper is accompanied by shaving the entire body of the swimmer (even the head) the night before the meet, which takes away drag in the water, but maybe more importantly, gives the swimmer that psychological edge that they can go faster than they have ever gone. Many personal bests, and MWC pool records were set at last year's championships, and that is obviously a goal of all men's and women's swimmers as the championship approaches.

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the play of Marvin Felix and a stifling defense that forced Salisbury State into several turnovers. The team swarmed around the court and converted many of the turnovers into easy baskets.

"In the second half we looked good... we really put a lot of pressure on defense," Coach Tom Davies said following the game.

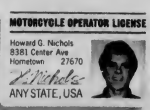
Felix was a force inside, leading the team to a 21 point lead with seven minutes remaining in the game. The Eagles shot 66 percent from the field in the second half and never let the Sea Gulls back into the game. The team was able to coast to a 107-92 victory, that improved the team's record to 4-9, 3-3 in conference play. The team also got a big game from Warren, who nearly missed registering his second triple-double of the season. He had 20 points, nine

rebounds, and nine assists. Warren helped seal the victory for the team by hitting all nine of his free throw attempts, most in the closing minutes of the game.

"I think we have a shot at finishing up with one of the top records in the conference," Coach Davies said. The team has showed promise recently to warrant the coach's optimism.

In addition to being pleased with another conference win, the coach was impressed by the play of Felix.


"He just can score," said Davies. "He's such a good leaper and gets good shots." Davies was glad to see that Felix has been able to produce in recent games without getting in the foul trouble that plagued him earlier in the season. The team is looking for Felix to continue his good play as they head towards the CAC tournament.



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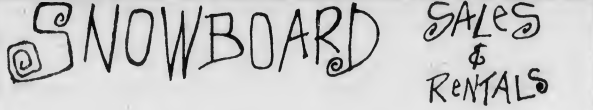
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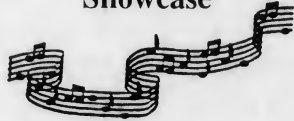
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